(b) No, Sir.

(c) With a view to encourage competition in the context of Government's recent policy of liberalisation, orders were placed in 1993-94 for 250 four wheelers each on two units in Madras—one in the State Government Sector and the other in Private Sector.

Assistance for the construction and Repair of National Highways to Gujarat

298. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the grant given by the Union Government to Gujarat State to take up original work and repair work relating to national highways during each of the last three years;

(b) the requirements of State and the amount allotted to them during the above said period, year-wise;

(c) whether due to insufficient allocation of Central Grants, the State Government of Gujarat is finding it difficult to ensure proper maintenance of national highways in the State;

(d) if so, the measures taken by Government to improve the position; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The amounts demanded and allotted to the Government of Gujarat for construction, maintenance and repair of National Highways during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Original works		Maintanance & Repairs (Normal)	
	Amount Demanded	Amount Allotted	Amount Demanded	Amount Allotted
1991-92	4579.16	4770.00	1043.57	576.81
1992-93	8505.13	4650.00	1363.24	674.70
1993-94	6734.95	6350.00	1327.38	841.70

(c) to (e) Due to overall resource constraints, the availability of funds for maintenance is consistantly short of demand assessed as per approved norms Enhancement of maintenance grant will, however, depend upon the availability of resources. However, efforts are made to maintain the National Highways in traffic worthy condition within the available funds.

गुजरात को केन्द्रीय सड़क निधि से धन राशि का आबंटन

299. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल :** क्या जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान गुजरात सरकार की केन्द्रीय सड़क निधि/केन्द्रीय निधि से कुल कितनी धनराशि उपलब्ध कराए जाने की संभावना है,

(ख) उन योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है जिनके लिए धनराशि का जिलेवार उपयोग किया जाएगा ; और

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के रख-रखाव और मरम्मत के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार को राज्य